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SUBJECT: ABE STOLAR AND FAMILY AGAIN REFUSED EXIT PERMISSION

REF: (A) STATE 165769, (B) MOSCOW 10551

1. DURING CALL ON CONSULAR COUNSELOR AFTERNOON AUGUST 22, ABE STOLAR REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY MOSCOW OVIR THAT MORNING THAT EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL AGAIN DENIED WITH NO REASON GIVEN.
2. HE REPORTED THAT KGB INTERROGATION AT LEFORTOVO ON JULY 20 STARTED WITH COLLECTION OF HIS AMERICAN PASSPORT AT 2:00 P.M. (STOLARS HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT SOVIET CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTATION ON GROUNDS THAT THEY HAD LOST SOVIET CITIZENSHIP IN JUNE 1975 WHEN THEY HAD RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION FOR ISRAEL, DESPITE AUTHORITIES' INSISTENCE THAT THEIR SOVIET CITIZENSHIP HAS BEEN RESTORED TO THEM UNDER "SECRET LAW".) INTERROGATOR WHO WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL ACCORDING TO STOLAR, QUESTIONED HIM ON CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS POSSESSION OF AMERICAN PASSPORT. HE WAS THEN QUESTIONED FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. REGARDING SHCHARANSKIY, DETAILS OF WHICH HE PREFERRED NOT TO DISCLOSE IN EMBASSY BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE. STOLAR DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS EMPHATICALLY INSISTED THAT NO "STATE SECRETS" BE DISCLOSED HIM DURING INTERROGATION LEST SUCH DISCLOSURE BECOME A NEGATIVE

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FACTOR IN ULTIMATE DECISION ON HIS SOVIET EXIT VISA APPLICATION.

3. STOLAR STATED THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH FAMILY, HE HAS DECIDED TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE RE EXIT REFUSAL WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS AND ALSO SEEK U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HELP.
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